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RCHS student wins 'best director'

■ Drama festival at CSUS honors Raider thespian

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor



RCHS's Advanced Drama Class (back row from left to right): Lance Sims, Meagen MacBride, Mike Parrish, Oscar Ochoa and Tom Wells. (Front row, left to right): Anna Perez, Jessika Holsey, Lauren Nardozzi, Elizabeth Sexton, Best Student Director Award winner Anabel Lopez, and Andrew Montana.

Earlier this month, River City High School advanced drama student Anabel Lopez received the "Best Student Director Award" for her direction of "Stages", a play by Jerome McDenough, which was performed by her fellow RCHS thespians at California State University, Sacramento, during the Lenaea Festival.

"I was really surprised to win the award," said Anabel. "In fact, I didn't even go to the ceremonies because I was sure I wouldn't win. When some of my friends called me at home later that night and told me I had won, I couldn't believe it. It was a great honor to be named the Best Student Director at the festival and I would really like to thank everyone in our drama class who acted in the play for all their hard work and great performances."

"Anabel is intuitive, creative, visionary and very mature for her age," said RCHS drama student Lance Sims, "and all of us have the greatest respect for her."

"Anabel knows exactly what she wants when she's directing," added Elizabeth Sexton. "Plus she really takes control of the rehearsals and I like that. She's very talented and we were very lucky to have her for our director."

West Sac woman disappears; found dead in Fairfield

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Last week's search for a missing West Sacramento woman had a sad ending: the woman was found dead of apparent suicide at a Fairfield Holiday Inn hotel.

Forty-nine year old Judith Ann Coppel drove away from her home Tuesday afternoon at about 2 p.m., saying she intended to visit the post office and a dry cleaning business, both on Merkley Ave. But she never returned, and was reported missing by her husband several hours later.

A police search began. Local police say Coppel appeared "happy" and that an intentional disappearance was "out of character."

The investigators determined that Coppel never visited either the post office or the cleaners.

"Apparently, she rented a motel room in Fairfield just a short time after she went missing here and spent the night," said Lt. Ray Hensley of the West Sacramento Police Department. "She talked to the clerk the next morning about staying a little past the checkout time. The maid came in and checked a couple of times, and the second time she checked, she noticed that (Coppel) was in the same position as the first time, and she got the manager."

Coppel was found dead in the hotel room. She had left separate notes for her husband and for her two daughters – one of whom was in her 20s and the other in her late teens, said police.

Hensley added that police were fairly confident the death was indeed a suicide.

The Solano Co. Coroner's office couldn't be reached for further information.

Sgt. Tom Bowler of the West Sacramento Police Dept. said that while an official cause of death may not yet be listed, the cause of death appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"It was totally out of character for her," he added.

Plenty of rain, but little threat of floods

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A wet couple of weeks hasn't made flood control official Ken Ruzich nervous.

"The reservoirs are so empty, all that water is being contained in them," said Ruzich. "They're still nowhere near their capacity. It would take a huge amount of rain to cause a problem."

Ruzich is director of Reclamation District 900, an agency responsible for levees and other drainage and flood protection features in most of West Sacramento. He said that local levees are doing fine, and that a $30 million project to raise flood protection levels in West Sacramento is mostly complete.

"Right now, if I had to guess, I'd say we have about '200-year' flood protection," Ruzich commented. He referred to a measuring system that says that the region is protected from any flooding threat short of one so strong it happens only an average of once every 200 years.

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KEN RUZICH
Director, Reclamation District 900

The project now in progress is supposed to bring the city to "somewhere around" a 400-year level of protection, he added. In a given year, the city will have about a one-in-400 chance of major flooding.

RD 900, the city of West Sacramento and Reclamation District 537 in the city's north helped pay for about $2.5 million of the flood protection plan's $30 million price tag. About 75 percent of the balance of the tab was picked up by the federal government, and the remainder was paid for by the state.

In addition to protection from outside floodwaters, said Ruzich, West Sacramento's protection from street-flooding and the like "is in really good shape."

"We've been able to do a lot of improvements," he reports.

That's good news to anyone who has heard weather reports saying that rain is due to return later this week.

Threat to land use & trucking?

Unions concerned about Port's future if West Sac gets control

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

An alliance of most of the labor unions working at the Port of Sacramento opposed West Sacramento's efforts to take more control of the facility – and told the city council so two weeks ago. But after the council voted four to one in favor of taking more control of the Port's governing board, the labor alliance is now considering whether to try to work with the city.

"We expressed our opposition to the city council when they decided to take control of the governing board," said Augustine Ramirez, coordinator of the labor alliance. Ramirez is an organizer for the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union, and coordinator of the alliance of unions at the Port of Sacramento. He spoke yesterday to the *News-Ledger*.

"We believed that it would be detrimental to the Port and to the labor force of the Port. We are now looking at all our options because (the Port of Sacramento) is also asking for $16 million (in government funding) to dredge the Port's channel, and the best opportunity to get that money is to work together with the Port and the city."

Ramirez said the city's interests conflict with those of the shipping port located in its center.

"Some members of the city council say they support the Port, but at the same time, they say they don't want more trucks on city streets. In order for the Port to be successful, trucks have to come in and out of the Port. If they support the Port, they have to accept trucks," he said.

Likewise, Ramirez said labor leaders worry about possible city restrictions on Port of Sacramento land in Southport now zoned for "water-related industrial" (WRI) use.

"WRI means warehouses, WRI means trucks, WRI means jobs," said Ramirez. "That type of vision doesn't go with the vision the city has for Southport."

But now that the city council (with member Bill Kristoff dissenting) has chosen to try to negotiate for more control of the regional port, the labor alliance is looking for the best way to move forward.

"Right now, we are looking at our options," said Ramirez.

The Port of Sacramento is operated by a special government district that includes all of Sacramento County and the eastern part of Yolo County. Most of the governing board's current members are appointed by the city and the county of Sacramento.

Several West Sacramento city council members have maintained publicly that the city has no intent to shut the Port of Sacramento down if they take over appointment of a majority of port commission members.

Lopez honored for four decades of dedication

Longtime activist and volunteer Juanita Lopez was named the "John Siden Community Service Award" winner in December by the Salud Clinic Advisory Board.

Board member Ann Jones told the West Sacramento City Council that the annual award is intended to honor "unsung heroes" and "crusaders" who "have made major contributions to the health and welfare of the residents of West Sacramento."

Lopez was picked for a variety of her efforts over four decades in the West Sacramento area. Her work included activism for a local senior center, helping to form the City of West Sacramento, serving on the city beautification committee, terms of service on a number of city and county boards and commissions, and a stint as a member of the Salud Clinic Advisory Board.

She said she was surprised when Jones named her the award winner at the December city council meeting.

"I worked all these years and didn't think anything of it," she said. "To me, it wasn't work. This is a beautiful city with a lot of nice people in it – I just wish they would learn to work together more often!"



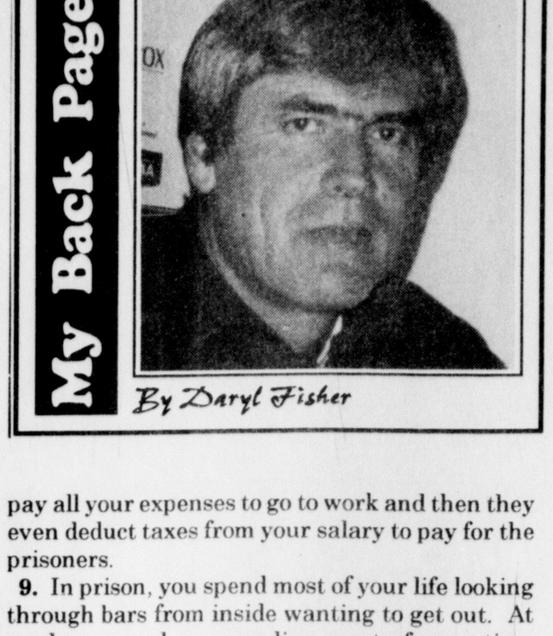
JUANITA LOPEZ

Lopez is a familiar face at council meetings, where she often speaks her mind, and has helped pursue a number of local issues.

Jones said she remembers working with Lopez to get a new building for the Salud Clinic, to get a signal light installed on Jefferson Blvd., to get a bus stop shelter and play equipment for children, and on other projects.

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and reports to the supervisors on health issues in West Sacramento.

Prisons vs. the work week; plus a few 'Bush-isms'



On numerous occasions, a work friend of my daughter's has mentioned to me that the little cubicle he works in is really not much better than a prison cell. Recently, apparently to add emphasis to his point, he mailed me the following nine comparisons:

1. In prison, you spend the majority of your time in an 8 X 10-foot cell, while at work your cubicle is usually only 6 X 8.

2. In prison, you get three free meals a day, while at work, you only get a break for one meal and you have to pay for it yourself.

3. In prison, you get time off for good behavior, while at work you usually get rewarded for good behavior with, you guessed it, more work.

4. In prison, a guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you, while at work you must carry around a security card and unlock all the doors yourself.

5. In prison, you can watch television and play video games, but if you do that at work, you'll get fired.

6. In prison you get your very own toilet, but at work you have to share one with a whole bunch of other people who have been doing heaven only knows what.

7. In prison they allow your family and friends to visit, but at work you can't even speak to your family and friends on the telephone.

8. In prison, all expenses are paid by taxpayers without doing any work. At work, you have to pay all your expenses to go to work and then they even deduct taxes from your salary to pay for the prisoners.

9. In prison, you spend most of your life looking through bars from inside wanting to get out. At work, you end up spending most of your time wanting to get out and go inside bars.

I guess everyone has their favorite George W. "Bushism", and here are just a few of mine:

"Families is where our nation finds hope; where wings take dream."

"I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family."

"They have misunderestimated me."

"The important question is how many hands have I shaked?"

"Laura and I are proud to call John and Michelle Engler our friends. I know you're proud to call him your governor. What a good man the Englers are."

"The most important job is not to be governor, or first lady in my case."

"I just talked to my little brother, Jeb. I shouldn't call him my little brother. He's my brother, the great governor of Texas.

"Senator John McCain has got to understand he can't have it both ways. He can't take the high horse and then claim the low road."

"I hope we get to the bottom of the answer. It's what I'm interested to know."

"One of the common denominators I have found is that expectations rise above that which is expected."

"They want the federal government controlling Social Security like it's some kind of federal program."

"We ought to make the pie higher."

"It's your money. You paid for it."

"I think we ought to raise the age at which juveniles can have a gun."

"The Bob Jones policy on interracial dating. I mean I spoke out on interracial dating. I spoke out against that. I spoke out against interracial dating. I support the policy of interracial dating."

"We need to keep good relations with the Grecians."

"One of the great things about books is sometimes there are some fantastic pictures."

"It is clear our nation is reliant upon big foreign oil. More and more of our imports come from overseas."

"This is Preservation Month. I appreciate preservation. It's what you do when you run for president. You gotta preserve."

Note: To date, the Grace K. Ohlson Scholarship Fund has received 95 donations for a total of $8,345. The goal is to raise a $10,000 endowment with the interest earnings being used to support a $500 annual scholarship for Washington Unified School District graduates who plan on attending a college in the Los Rios Community College system. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the fund can do so by making a check payable to the Grace K. Ohlson Scholarship Fund, c/o the News-Ledger, PO Box 463, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

For more information about the fund, please feel free to call Daryl or Steve at the News-Ledger, 371-8030. And thanks again to all of you who have already contributed!

Elementary school news:

Fill your quota: five boxtops will help out Elkhorn fundraiser

Elkhorn Village Elementary School is putting the finishing touches on its General Mills Box Tops for Education fundraising program. Friday, March 23rd is the last day box tops can be received at Elkhorn Village for this year's program.

"We really need the community to pull together to help Elkhorn Village achieve their 'Box Tops for Education' goal," said Elkhorn's P.T.O. President, Laura Singh. "If everyone in the community turns in just five box tops each by March 23rd, we will reach our goal and be able to purchase rewards for attendance to inspire the students of Elkhorn Village to go to class each and every single day."

Community members are urged to submit their box tops to Elkhorn Village Elementary School at 750 Cummins Way, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Box tops can also be dropped off at the school. Participating products include Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Fruit Roll-Ups, Trix yogurt, Lloyd's barbeque buckets, SuperMoist cake mix, Hamburger Helper, and many more.

The program doesn't end when the final school bell rings. Box tops can be collected all summer, brought to school in the fall and turned in for the 2001-2002 Box Tops for Education fundraiser.

For more information, log on to www.boxtops4education.com.

ACROSS THE BRIDGE:

Events around the West Sacramento region

Family Asthma Faire

A fun-filled day of asthma education will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Family Community Church, 6331 Watt Avenue in North Highlands. Sponsored by the American Lung Association, questions about all your asthma questions will be answered by doctors, respiratory therapists, nurses and pharmacists. There will be games, puppet shows and much more. The Family Asthma Faire is free. Call 916-851-2088 for more information.

Wine & beverage tasting

There will be a Wine and Beverage Tasting & Raffle Drawing on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at 3451 Burrows Avenue in West Sacramento to help raise funds for Yolo County Delegates. It will be hosted by Dr. Linda Copeland of West Sacramento and donations are $20. For directions and more information, call Katie Villegas at 375-1132

Mule Deer Foundation

The Mule Deer Foundation, a Reno-based non-profit conservation organization dedicated to reversing the decline of the deer of the West, will hold its first annual convention March 23-25 in Reno. For more information

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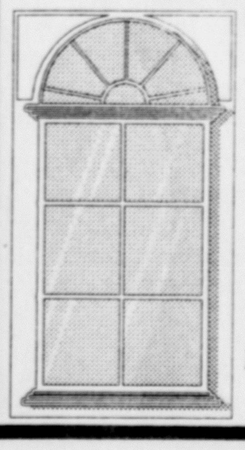
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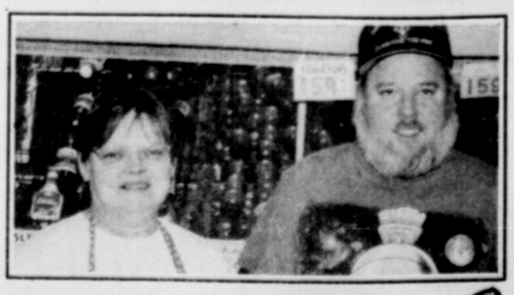


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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The Sacramento Kings (36-18) return home from their three game East Coast trip with two victories under their belt and the memory of a heartbreaking loss to the New York Knicks. The Kings took care of the Wizards 115-110 last Thursday but the key game of the road trip was the triple overtime victory over Toronto the next day. That 119-118 victory will go down in team history as the most exciting game of the 2000-2001 season. A very important note – the Kings won a tough road game without Chris Webber!

The win over the Raptors was the franchise's first triple overtime win since 1959 and improved the Sacramento's road record to 14-12, the NBA's sixth-best mark. Peja Stojakovic and Scot Pollard put on the "show of the year". Peja, who enjoyed the best game of his 3-year career, hit a game winning 3-point shot while scoring 39 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Scot Pollard also enjoyed his best game as a professional with his 19 points and a career high 17 rebounds. The Kings are 4-3 since Webber when down with a sprained ankle but Pollard has picked up the pace in the last four games, averaging 12 points and 14 rebounds!

The Knicks out smarted the Kings in the final minutes of their nationality-televised game (NBC) on Sunday beating them 88-86. The Kings looked a little tired late in the fourth quarter and could have used C-Webb but it seems the Knicks have the Kings number having beaten them 17 of the 18 meetings at Madison Square Garden.

The Kings return to the friendly confines of the Arco Arena on Tuesday, February 27th to host the Los Angeles Clippers before they begin a short two game California road trip. The Kings will bus down to Oakland to face the Warriors (7:30- ch. 31) and then fly down to L.A. on Saturday night to tangle with the young and dangerous Clippers (7:30- FSN). The Kings will enjoy three days off before their re-match with Vince Carter and the Raptors (7:30 - ch.31) on Tuesday, March 6 at the Arco.

The United States men's World Cup soccer team will begin the final round of World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday, Feb. 28th (4:30 p.m.- ESPN2) against Mexico in Columbus, Ohio. The Mexico vs. United States have a long history with Mexico dominating the soccer matches winning 27 games, losing 7 with 9 ties. The U.S. has closed the gap on the Mexicans since 1990, by posting a 5-5-6 record. This could be the year the U.S.A. team finally matures and comes of age. Coach Bruce Arena says he will field the best team this year in U.S. soccer history. Mexico, who has been having a tough time lately with injuries to key players, has struggled in their last 5 games with 4 losses and 1 tie. The US will play 10 qualifying matches against five teams with the top three teams advancing to the World Cup final in Japan/South Korea in 2002. The U.S.A. will play a home and away series against Mexico, Honduras, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Costa Rica.

The U.S. team will play a friendly match on Saturday, March 3 against Brazil at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles. The next qualifying match for the Red-White-Blue will be on March 28 in Honduras (Pay-for-View).

Boxing Promoter, Don Chargin, is very close to nailing down a title shot for Sacramento boxer, Juan Lazcano. Lazcano (26-2-1, 19 KO's), who is the eighth-ranked WBC lightweight, has been lobbying to fight the champion, Jose Luis Castillo (42-4-1, 38 KO's). Chagrin's next fight card will on Sunday, March 11th at the Feather Falls Casino in Oroville. Former world champion, Gabe Ruelas and featherweight contender Augie Sanchez will appear in separate 10-round bouts. The FOX network will televise the boxing card that will feature Sacramentans Michael Simms and Eric Regan in preliminaries.

See ya next week!



"You want pepper spray on that?"



"... Sometimes I regret toilet-training the cat."

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RC tennis resumes play

Although members of the River City High School tennis team spent more time last week pushing water off of their courts than they did hitting balls, the rain did not prevent them from beginning the 2001 season with three straight wins. A 4-3 victory against Natomas was followed by an 8-1 win over Foothill and a 5-1 road triumph at Amador.

The Raiders were led throughout the week by the girls singles player Keonakone Lattasima, the girls doubles team of Erin Cheechov and Ka Yang, and boys doubles players William Clayton and Sou Saejao, all of whom finished the week without losing a set.

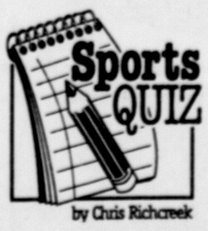
Lattasima won twice at #2 girls singles and once at #1. Cheechov and Yang lost just six games total in their three contests. Clayton won two doubles matches with Saejao and a close match decided in a tiebreaker against Natomas with Tuan Nguyen as his partner. Also in the season opener against the Nighthawks, Saejao teamed with Nikki Hansen for an easy win in mixed doubles in the first varsity match for both. In another varsity debut for the Raiders, Silas Zdybel paired with veteran Michelle Jones for a 10-0 shutout in the mixed doubles match against Foothill.

The Raiders begin Golden Empire League action tomorrow in a home match against Marysville at 3:00 p.m. River City won the G.E.L championship last season for the fifth straight year, but it was the Indians who stopped the Raiders' 46-match winning streak in league play with a 5-4 win in West Sacramento last April.

River City also has non-league matches on Friday at Livingston and on Monday at Rio Linda before travelling to Dixon on Tuesday to resume G.E.L. play.



"We've got the big-screen TV with over 200 channels and you sit there reading."



by Chris Richcreek

1. Eight pitchers have won three or more Cy Young Awards. Who are they?
2. How many times did Pittsburgh Pirates great Roberto Clemente win the National League batting title?
3. When Cincinnati's Corey Dillon set an NFL single-game rushing mark of 278 yards in 2000, whose record did he break?
4. Who set the record in men's Division I college basketball for the most consecutive games making at least one 3-pointer?
5. Who was the first NHL goalie to regularly wear a mask?
6. When was the last time before 2000 that the United States won gold in the men's Olympic pole vault?
7. Tiger Woods has been a part of the winning U.S. team the past two years at the World Cup of Golf. He has had a different partner each year. Who were they?

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Tryouts for Mexican-American Baseball League upcoming

The West Sacramento Pirates of the California Mexican-American Baseball League are in the process of scheduling a team meeting and tryouts at Bryte Park, diamond #5. Players must be at least 18-years of age. Anyone interested in playing for the Pirates should call General Manager Bill Virgen at 371-5262 for the date and time of the meeting and tryouts.

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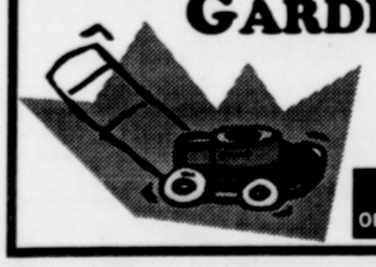
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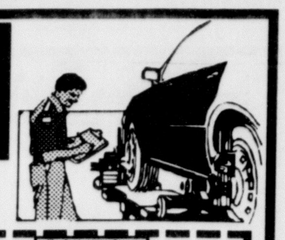
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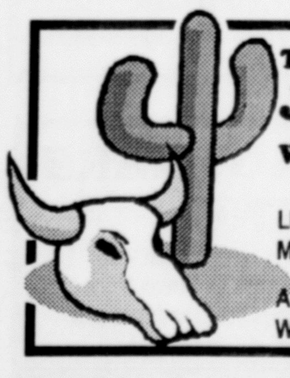
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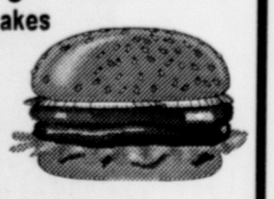
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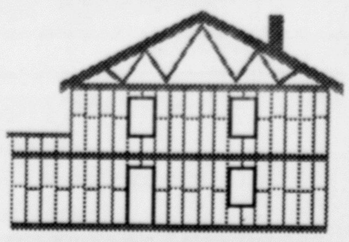
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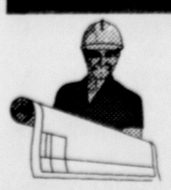




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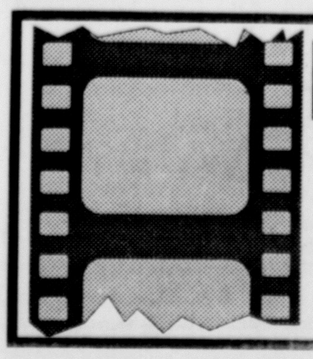
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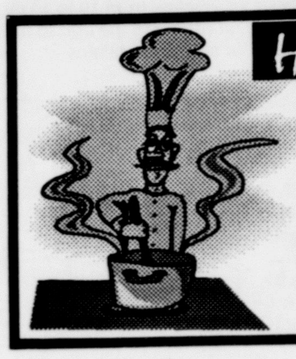
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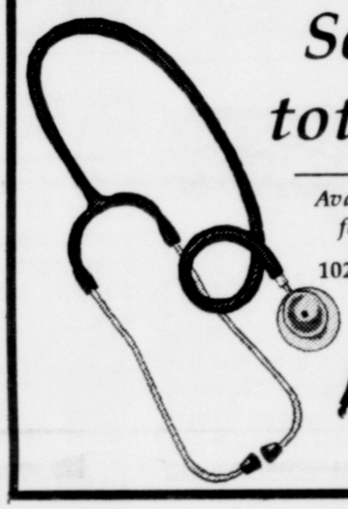


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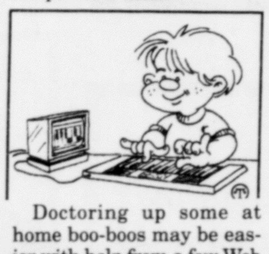
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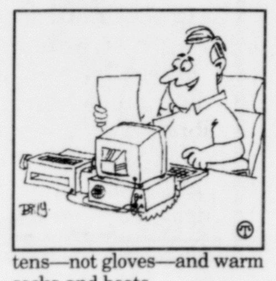


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Five River City students bring back medals from VICA competition

By Chandoeun Phoung
Staff Writer

River City students recently brought back five medals from the annual Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) competition.

Categories included electronics, automotive, drafting, and woods. James Farmer won a gold medal for advanced small air-cooled gasoline engines. Sarn Ta Saejao won a gold medal for advanced electronics, as did Sou Ching Saechao.

Julia Saechao and Lou Chiew Saechao both won silver medals for their participation in advance electronics.

Mr. McKee, VICA advisor said, "VICA is a valuable organization for young people. Students have professionals from industries judging them. VICA participation will show future employers that they worked hard and have great knowledge of their career field."

VICA competitors take written tests, conduct labs, and do trouble shooting.

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> *~ Julia Saechao*

"On the written test, we answered 12 to 15 theory questions and 80 multiple-choice questions," said Julia Saechao. "In the lab we measured the input and output signals of the circuit board with an oscilloscope."

"For trouble shooting we had to identify the problems on the circuit board," said Sarn Ta Saechao.

James Farmer's had seven stations to go to. "At one station I removed and installed a crank and cam. At another, I removed and replaced valves and spring valves," explained James Farmer.

The gold medal winners are eligible to compete at the state level in Los Angeles.

River City has participated in the regional competition for several years running with 500 other Northern California students at American River College.

Updates and Briefs

March REACH to schedule new classes for next year

There will be a special REACH day on March 15. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be attending their normal REACH groups to schedule classes for next year. Make sure you really want all those classes that you choose.

Seniors will meet in the gym to attend a special assembly. Do not go to your REACH class, but go straight to the gym.

By Beverly Enos

River City to host book fair March 12-16

The River City High School library will host a Scholastic book fair March 12 through 16. Booklists can be obtained from the library one week prior to the book fair. Mrs. Singhal stated that at the book fair there will be a deal that if you buy one book you could get a second one of equal or lesser value free.

There will be fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, and all kinds of other books, so if you come out to the book fair you will most definitely find something of interest to you.

"The objective of this book fair is not to just sell books, but it is to get more books into students' hands," said Mrs. Singhal.

This is a great opportunity for students to get a look at new books as well as classics.

By Mindy Mather

Renaissance has 190 new members

Renaissance received 190 seccessful applicants who will be notified. Sorry, there is no T-shirt contest this time around, but the Renaissance members will receive a special T-shirt in March.

Drawings will be heald for prizes that include a class ring and jacket donated by Josten's.

By Jesus Rivera

Battle of the Sexes Rally divided boys from girls; Valentines dance united them

By Ivy Branaman and Olivia De Mars
Editors

Singing telegrams, games in the quad, and red roses were all part of River City's Love Week, which took place February 13-16.

The quad games began on the 13th with the freshman game "Show Me You Know Me." Contestants included couples Rebekah Marshall and Gary Harmon, Eric Rodriguez and Felicia Ortega, and Katie Harris and Mike Fonbuena.

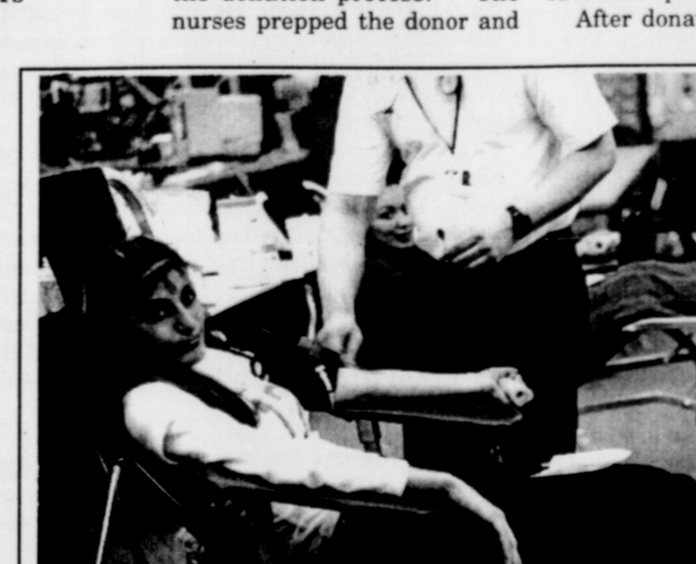
"I don't want to play the game," Eric whispered before the contest began, "I'm scared she will break up with me if we lose. She might give me the silent treatment," he concluded.

Felicia and Eric lost the game first lunch, but they didn't break up. They played again second lunch with a different set of questions and won.

Other games played were the seniors' "Singled Out," the sophomores' "Dating Game," and the juniors', "Find the Gum in the Whipped Cream."

The Valentines Dance marked the end of Love Week and the return of Senior Sweethearts. Those nominated included Ron Mumui and Sherry Rodrigues, Marylin Russell and Shannon Rodriguez, Rebekah Marshall and Gary Harmon, and Susan Guerrero and Robert Rodriguez.

Ron Mumui and Sherry Rodrigues were crowned Senior Sweethearts at the dance. Earlier in the day of River City's Sweetheart Dance, dates and couples divided as girls and boys walked to their separate sides of the gym. The Battle of The Sexes Rally, on February 16, brought a sea of blue and pink as well as loud competitiveness.



Vanessa Bigornia and Anthony Cardenas are winners of the seniors' Love Week game "Singled Out."

"Guys rule the world; girls just live in it" proclaimed a banner on the boys' side of the gym. More signs hung on the walls above the bleachers that announced their masculine pride to the opposing girls.

The girls asserted their feminine pride with a sea of pink-lettered signs. "Don't hate us because we're beautiful," demanded on the many girls' signs.

A hard-fought dance competition began the rally. A tie was decided upon leaving both sides disappointed. The boys made up points, however, in the eating contest. The girls were no match for the boys, who gobbled down their food with earnestness to the cheers of their peers.

The girls caught up in the trivia game. The questions included naming five members of 'N Sync and the NBA All-Star game's MVP. ASB President Sara Penrod noted, "It takes one girl to answer a question and fifty boys." The girls walked away the winners.

Even female teachers felt they had to express their superiority. Ms. Costanza, Ms. Mejia, and Ms. Richey lip-synched along with 'N Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye," as well as "Supersonic."

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Mock Trial wins two awards



MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPANTS: Back row: Mr. Stewart Lanna Kalista, Christina Lee, Samantha Lee, Alex Matthews, Rachel Federeghi, and Mr. O'Connor. Front row: Lauren Nardozzi, Elissa Espinoza, Ryan Risso, Mark Zayas, and Chai Saetern. Absent: Athena Garcia, Jerry Harris, and Shevy Suratt.

River City recently compeated in the annual Mock Trial competition at the Sacramento County Courthouse.

Lauren Nardozzi played the defendant and was chosen outstanding team member for River City.

Jerry Harris, in an unusual dual role, received an award for outstanding performance. Jerry was the lawyer for the prosecution as well as the coroner for the defense.

52 River City students and staff donate blood to save other lives

By Olivia De Mars
Editor-in-Chief

On February 22, 52 River City students and faculty donated blood to the Sacramento Medical Foundation Blood Center.

The nurses arrived at 7 a.m. to set up their chairs and stations in the library. Every fifteen minutes kids were called out of class to go to the library where the potential donors went through a screening process before giving their blood. Each donor was asked questions ranging from if the donor had taken any medication recently to if they had been hospitalized for a serious problem.

Kristina Norris, junior, prefers not to watch as the nurse prepares to draw blood.

before they could proceed with the donation process. The nurses prepped the donor and withdrew one pint of blood, a pint of blood that could potentially save three people's lives.

After donating their pint of blood donors were given some juice and cookies at a waiting table where they conversed about their donating experience.

"I hope that I inspire people to give blood," commented Kristina Norris, "because my blood will eventually save three people's lives."

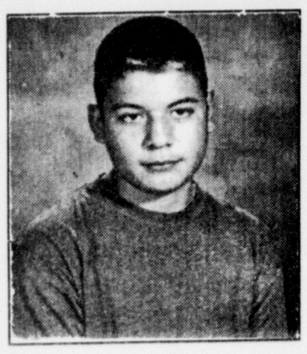
"I made special bags of candy for those that donated," commented sophomore Coty Marshall, organizer of the blood drive. "I wanted them to know that they were appreciated."

Donors did feel appreciated and they sported red and white stickers saying "Be nice to me. I gave blood today" and "I survived the finger prick." Donors were also given balloons to wear on their wrists and they displayed them proudly.

Perspectives

Question in the Quad

This month River City students were asked, "What is the craziest thing you have ever done?" Some students' responses made us wonder if what they were saying was actually true or not.



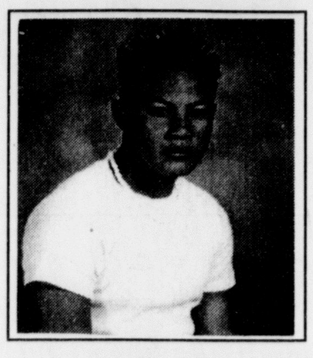
"I threw myself through a window."

~Jorge Leon
Freshman



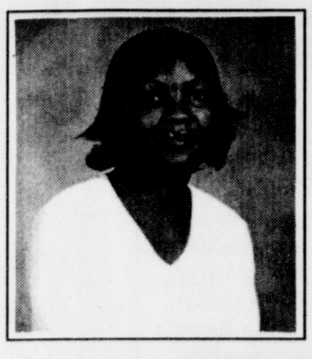
"I jumped on the stage at an N*Sync concert."

~Melinda Verduzco
Sophomore



"I put a bag over a kid's head to choke him when I was a kid."

~Rocky Keomek
Junior



"Stood in the middle of the Arden Fair Mall and sang 'This Little Light of Mine'."

~Yvonne Brown
Senior

RC students fear alligators, sharks, people, drowning

By Ivy Branaman
Features Editor

One only needs to whisper the word "fear" at River City and ears perk up as students begin relaying their biggest fears to friends.

"I am afraid of failure. I am terrified that I won't reach my ultimate goals," sophomore Victoria Montez confessed, her eyes growing larger with every word. Already, Victoria is fretting over college admission requirements, as well.

Freshman Sarah Walker related that she is "afraid of forgetting my lines in a school play."

Anxieties like Victoria's and Sarah's are common among teenagers and even adults. People often worry that they won't achieve something or will completely fail at a moment when their competency is completely necessary. Some may even stress out about it. Some of these people may toss and turn at night thinking about these things. However, these anxieties are not necessarily fears. They are generally regarded as common teenage concerns.



Sophomore Katie Canas' fear of insects is a common fear as is sophomore Russell Stone's fear of crocodiles and alligators. "I am afraid of being chased by alligators and crocodiles. I have nightmares about them," Russell explained.

Junior Sam Floyd's fear was one word that strikes fear in many others; "death."

Their fears, however, do not impair them. Their hearts don't pound rapidly, throats don't fill up, faces don't flush, and they don't feel faint; their fears are not classified phobias. Phobias are defined as intense and persistent fears of specific objects, situations, or activities and they may often impair the sufferers' freedom.

"I don't go to the mall anymore," one junior stated. She suffers from xenophobia, a fear of strangers and anthropophobia, a fear of people, that she used to treat with medication.

"I have a fear of being in big crowds with people. I get panic attacks. I get really hot and paranoid. I can't have people touching me. I start snapping at them," she continued. "It's like claustrophobia [the fear of closed or confined spaces] with people. Facing my fear doesn't do anything."

The old wives' tale that the only way to conquer your fear is to face it may not always be true, then. Sometimes the only way to help a person's phobia is through medication.

The most common techniques, however, are desensitization and exposure therapy. Desensitization is when doctors expose the phobic person to situations or objects that are increasingly close to the feared ones so that the sufferer will be able to face the actual feared situation.

Other times doctors expose the phobic person directly to the feared situation or object so that the person can n o harm will come to him; the fear gradually fades. This is known as exposure therapy.

These two methods, however, apparently haven't worked for five members of River City's varsity swim team, all of whom are afraid of drowning.

Megan George, a junior member of the team, explained her fear: "I almost drowned at swim lessons when I was little, but I am on the swim team because I love it."

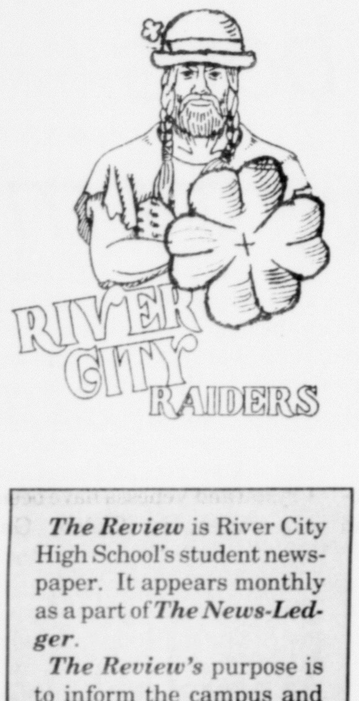
Although sophomore swim team member Stacey Paige concedes that she is a strong swimmer, she says she is still "afraid of being trapped underwater and dying there. I don't want to die in pain." She also admits to another irrational fear, that of sharks in deep pools. " I can't see the bottom and my imagination is very active; I start thinking things are down there and they're going to get me."

While a fear of sharks has yet to be classified as a phobia, cynophobia, the fear of dogs, and musophobia, the fear of mice, have. While those phobias may seem quite common, others may not.

Doctors have classified some very odd fears as phobias: linophobia, the fear of strings, homilophobia, the fear of sermons, trisaidekaphobia, the fear of the number thirteen, and phobophobias, the fear of phobias. The list goes on to include nearly 50 different phobias.

Fears loom before some people as something to be faced and conquered. To others those fears are an obstacle that they are incapable of overcoming; they are attacked by panic. Yet most people may be somewhere between the two extremes.

It is only obvious, though, that River City is a high school filled with students who have ignored Franklin Roosevelt's famous observation, "We have nothing to fear but fear it self."



Internet offers free interactive video games in abundance

Play online video games with players around the world, sharpen your skills against the best

By Daniel Wilson
Staff Writer

Videogames are a big part of the economy and the society. There are tons of videogame websites on the Internet today. Searching on Yahoo for "Videogames" I found 239 websites. I also searched for "games" and found 1149 websites. Just about any genre of videogames can be found and for any age.

You can play games for free on thousands of websites, including, EA.com, one of the biggest videogame companies in the world and IGN.com, the International Gaming Network. Of course most of these sites require you to be a member, but that's usually free, too.

The quality of these websites varies, but personally I like EA.com. They have a free membership and lots of games to choose from, although about 60% of their games do require the purchase of particular CD-ROM discs that you must have in your D drive in order to play.

You can also purchase consoles such as the Sega Dreamcast and the Sony Playstation 2 that can be played online with other players across the country or even around the world. On the Dreamcast you can even download new rosters of sports teams on games such as NFL 2K1.

You can also enter game competitions, playing games like checkers and chess, with people online through certain websites like yahoo.com. This allows you to show your skills, and try to become the top player out of all the competitors.

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—Our Voices—

On television and in movies people often say "It was love at first sight." Some people scoff at the comment while others sigh with a dreamy look in their eyes. This month we asked staff members if they believe in love at first sight.

I will believe when it happens to me

Does love at first sight really exist? It depends on who you ask. Some may think it's impossible, and then find themselves suddenly looking into their soul-mate's eyes. Others claim that they found love at first sight, but it turned out to be infatuation. Personally, I believe in true love and having a soul mate, but I'm not so sure of love at first sight. If I see this guy whom I feel has captured my heart, can I really say it's love, without even speaking to him? Finding out if he's a pompous jerk or really a sweet cutie takes more than a few seconds of locked eyes.

But I cannot doubt it's possible. For I have witnessed many people fall head-over-heels for strangers, and sometimes the relationships last, but I can't speak from experience. Maybe one day I will fall in love at first sight. Only then will I become a believer.

By Shalini Sumeshar

Some guy is out there just for me

Do I believe in love at first sight? Well, it has never happened to me yet. But I'm sure it will happen to me one day. Maybe when I'm walking down the street and a nice looking guy catches my eye, but I am not sure if I will go and introduce myself to him.

I'm not sure because I'm very shy around the guys I don't know. It's going to be hard for me to realize if I'm in love at a glance. e a fool.

I believe in love at first sight, because I know some guy is out there just for me. And When I see him I will realize that I just fell in love. I will probably be floating on air. My friends will tell me that I'm acting different and I will just say, "I just fell in love."

By Beverly Enos

Love at first sight stupid

How do we know who that special person is? People say that it is love at first sight. I say that is stupid. Love at first sight is something that somebody made up years ago to draw people into thinking that they were actually in love, when really they just had a crush on someone and they didn't even know the person.

For love you have to know someone for a long period of time. As you get to know that person and find out his or her interests and you come to realize that you can't go two seconds without them you can then say that you are in love. You know, seriously in love.

So, basically, love at first sight is just when you see a person of the opposite sex and think you love them but really you just think that he or she is cute. Then as you get to know that person, you can fall in love.

By Daniel Wilson

Head over heels in love requires time

I believe in love at first sight. One day I am going to walk into a room and there he is. His eyes are hypnotizing. His hair is soft and shiny. He's tall. He has the perfect build with the greatest smile. We stare into each other's eyes and music is playing in my ears. We come closer together, our faces almost touching, our lips meet.

Hold up! Stop! Rewind! There is no such thing as love at first sight. No one can truly feel so deeply in love just looking at another person. There might be some attraction, but to fall head over heels, no!

I am not one to believe in love at first sight. In my opinion, it is a little far fetched, but hey, if you find it, go for it.

By Chandoeun Phoung

Sexes: senior girls win four years in a row

From page 1: The girls narrowly defeated the guys in the tug of war. Although the guys rushed from the bleachers to help their team in the second game, the girls still managed to win two out of the three games.

For the finale, girls played a video that answered the question "Why do girls win every year?"

The video showed several stumped guys pondering seemingly easy questions. One declared that the American president was Al Gore while another said it was an "old guy." Another answered that there were thirteen planets in the solar system.

The video demonstrated why the girls have won this rally seven years in a row and no one seemed surprised by Sara Penrod's announcement that the girls had won yet again.

Features

Dangerous side effects the dark other side to 'amazing' drug ecstasy

By Bernice Gamino
Staff Writer

With house and techno music booming, and glow sticks lighting up the scene, raves and ecstasy seem to click together. Just why do raves and ecstasy click together? "Raves are like one huge club scene for people all over the world. You'd be amazed at just how many people go. Ecstasy gets a person in the mood to dance, to converse, and be social with people they don't even know," said Jennifer Rodrigues, a recent McClatchy grad. Sadly, many ecstasy users do not know exactly what this drug is, nor the effects it can have on their brains and bodies. Some people think they know it all about ecstasy and that the risk they take is slim, but they should think again. What will happen when the party's over? The "E" will come back and haunt you.

Ecstasy, also known as "E," is methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA). It belongs to a family of drugs called "entactogens" which means "touching within." Ecstasy is a mood-elevator that produces a relaxed state of mind, giving such feelings as an extreme mood lift, more energy, and increased willingness to communicate. Also, users of MDMA experience feelings of comfort, forgiveness, and closeness to others. This drug makes sensations bright and intense, often creating an extreme urge to hug and kiss others.

There is no question about it, MDMA makes things seem and feel too good to be true. On the other hand, there are always two sides to a story. There are, in fact, negative side effects, such as mild to extreme jaw clenching, and lip, tongue, and cheek chewing. One can also suffer from severe depression and have a hangover lasting days or even weeks. The brain's serotonin levels get lowered as the result of taking this drug.

"Everything just seemed so perfect, but after it wore off I felt tired and . . .it felt like I had a huge hangover."
~Alexis

A student whom we'll call Alexis has taken the drug several times. She said, "When it hit me I was in paradise. Everything just seemed so perfect, but after it wore off I felt tired and a weird feeling drifted throughout my body. It felt like I had a huge hangover." Asked if there was ever a time during her experience when she was scared, she answered," Yes, because my heart was just beating so fast and it seemed weird, because it felt so good just to take a deep breathe. I felt I just had to try this because my friends just told me...it's a feeling you'll never forget." Alexis described her experience with "E" as unforgettable, amazing, and yet dangerous.

She said," For a person that wants to try it, I won't lie, it's such an amazing feeling, but a person takes a high risk every time they drop a pill. It might be fun for one night, but it's not worth your life."

One cannot ignore just how dangerous this drug really is and the severe harm it can do to the brain and body. Many people have died as a result of taking MDMA. In most cases, it was because their bodies got dehydrated.

There are many sites on the internet that tell everything about ecstasy such as side effects, why it was first used, and much more.

Another danger is that often the so-called ecstasy pill isn't pure MDMA. In recent studies Nedea Web, founder of "Sac Haven" tested 300 ecstasy pills and found that 150 of those pills were fake. Instead of being ecstasy, makers of these pills put in acid and animal tranquilizers.

Too many times people tend to get caught in the state of mind of telling themselves, "Nothing can happen to me," but the fact is it can happen to anyone. Just remember, the choice is yours!

Raves give some teenagers a new party scene and a good time

By Jesus Rivera
Staff Writer

With glow-sticks in hand, an empty lot can become a mind-boggling experience. A rave can take place almost anywhere. Rave can be considered a style, a dance and a sort of party/club scene.

For background, the Review interviewed three ravers (people who take part in raves very often) who wish to remain anonymous. They go under pseudonyms of "Tommy," "Lexy" and "Angie," and are not River City students. Not too surprisingly, they all have somewhat the same appearance. Tommy and Lexy both have dyed hair. Tommy has blue streaks in his and wears a colorful beaded necklace. Lexy has red and yellow streaks and wears a pacifier around her neck. Angie has a much more subtle look to her, with colored beads in her crimped hair and some beads around her wrists.

Asked what makes raves different from any other party and what's different about the music played at raves, Tommy responded, "Raves to me are just like big clubs that take place outside or wherever, usually in warehouses. San Diego has a lot of them. I go there whenever I can, but not all the time."

All three agreed that a rave is a place where one can easily get hold of drugs like ecstasy and marijuana.

"When I go to a rave I start right off on E. It gets me in a more feel good mood," said Lexy. "Like everything feels better. When that music plays with the bass bumpin' everything is more fun."

Tommy said he has tried E before but doesn't make a habit of it. Asked what's with the glow sticks, Angie responded, "Well, everyone dances with glow sticks. That's maybe because it looks cool. I do it `cause I like to make designs as I dance."

"We don't do drugs. We rave on a natural high."
~Crystal Manning

Tommy said, "I wouldn't say rave is a style. There's no particular look a person has when they go to a rave. It's like going to a club or something."

"Well, I think, yeah," countered Angie, "cause when I go out to the stores or things like that I can tell if someone might be a raver. There are certain things that tell me they are, like they may have dyed hair or certain jewelry. I don't know. There's just a look to them."

Asked what's different about the music, Tommy said, "The music at Raves is more like trance music. Loud beats and techno sounds."

All three believe a rave is just a place to go and have a good time. "...I just like to go to them and bump into people, you know, kick it with my friends and stuff like that. It's just a place to go and have fun. Meet new people. There are hella people out there. Like hundreds. I like being around all those people," Tommy concluded.

River City senior, Sylvia Valdivia said she has been to only one rave. "It was boring `cause I didn't like it, and `cause I don't do drugs. I expected a lot more."

Sylvia said that she saw a lot of drug use, but she stayed far away from all that. "Besides that, raves are all about the DJs. There are a lot of DJs there from all around and they be playin' different kinds of music like House, Hard House, Trance, Jungle..." she added. Sylvia does not consider herself to be a raver. "I've gone to only one rave, but after that I'm cool. I wouldn't go again."

Crystal Manning and Venessa Hernandez, also seniors, are apart of a rave group here at River City called G.T. Rave. "We rave whenever we get a flyer,..." they said. Vanessa said, "There's no dress code whatsoever. Dress to impress."

Crystal said she uses glow-sticks "to give more effect on raving and to become one with the music." Crystal also said battling is the number one thing at raves. Battling is where two people try to outdo each other in dancing and doing tricks with glow-sticks. Crystal and Venessa have been to six raves, in Chico, Galt, Placerville, and San Jose.

Both agree that open drug use is common at raves, "but we don't do drugs. We rave on a natural high," said Crystal.

Origin of pinching on St. Patrick's Day still mystery

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

In recent movies, he was a creature with intense beady eyes, a hideous pig-nose, and gruesome sharp yellow teeth, armed with devilish powers and a pot of gold. Others think of him as a cute little fellow, who brings good luck and wishes, *he* is the one, and only, leprechaun of St. Patricks Day.

March 17. We all wake up and more than likely include something green in our outfit. Why? We don't want to get pinched, of course. After all, it's Saint Patrick's Day! But stop and think. Do you have any idea who Saint Patrick was, or why we dress up in green and prepare to pinch strangers?

St. Patrick was born under the pagan (one who doesn't believe in the God of the Bible) name Maewyn around 386 A.D. in Wales, Great Britain. His life took a horrid turn at the age of 16 when he was captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery as a shepherd. While enslaved he became closer to God, spending many solitary hours in prayer. Six years later he escaped captivity and devoted the next 12 years of his life to studying in a monastery. During his training he became aware that his true calling in life was to convert the pagans of Ireland to Christianity. He returned to Ireland with a mission, and after earning the title of bishop he was able to travel throughout Ireland spreading his message. In the next 30 years he became extremely successful at winning converts, turning the face of the Irish country to Christianity.

How does the shamrock and drinking of green beer tie into all of this? The shamrock is a worldly symbol of St. Patrick's day and from this symbol comes the color green. The clover comes straight from Saint Patrick. It is said that while giving a sermon he used it as a symbol of the Trinity, a Christian doctrine in which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all unique and opposite elements, yet have the ability are all unique and to unite and exist as one. The saint's Christian followers began to wear the shamrock on their clothing.

Since then, the tradition has spread with Irish emigrants. Americans have some of the most elaborate customs and have celebrated Saint Patrick's Day since 1737. We do EVERYTHING from the simple serving of green beer to creating trails of floats in New Orleans. Then there's the ten straight days of music and food and more green beer in Italy. But Chicago usually gets the most attention after dying its largest river green.

The origin of the pinching is still a mystery that I haven't uncovered. My hypothesis is that pinching is a fast, easy, harmless, way to inflict momentary pain. When we do it we know we're not hurting people, just "reminding" them they should have worn green. This is ironic because most of us, including me, are clueless as to why we areable to freely pinch people one day of the year, or who St. Patrick was. But now that we know, we have a right to pinch, right?

Leprechauns are deceitful, mysterious, and magical

Leprechauns carry loot bags

I can picture little leprechauns hopping around in children's books,their tiny bodies dressed in green.

As a child I can recall believing that they bring people potatoes. I believed they were benevolent and wise.

However, I have since read stories about tricky, deceitful leprechauns who cheat people out of gold, neither wise nor benevolent. Leprechauns lost their magical mystery to me when I decided they were tricky and deceitful.

That did make me believe, though. People can be deceitful and tricky, so leprechauns must be real. I can still see little leprechauns hopping around inside my head; now they have loot bags.

By Ivy Branaman

Leprechauns also tooth fairies

I don't believe in leprechauns. I never did and never will, but when I was a child I deeply believed in the tooth fairy. For some reason, I believed that the tooth fairy was a leprechaun, and that scared me. At the time I called it a Lucky Charms Guy.

I believed that the tooth fairy would climb through my bedroom window. I pictured him about two feet high with pointy shoes and a pointy little nose with translucent wings. I knew he had to have really long fingers to push the shiny new coins under my pillow, and that scared me even more.

I still used to place my teeth underneath my pillow for the money, but I made sure I fell asleep right away.

When I tell people this, they see me as strange. I see myself as normal. What child doesn't have strange thoughts like this? I'm just more open about it than others.

By Jesus Rivera

Irish fairies sweet and kind

I believe in leprechauns, not only because of my Irish heritage, but because of the mystical, magical appeal they have about them.

I hate to think of them as nasty, mean little buggers as they have been portrayed in movies, but as Irish fairies: sweet, kind, giving little people who are nice to everyone.

There's no proof that they do not exist, so I guess I can believe in them until there is, because a world without leprechauns is a world without luck.

By Olivia DeMars

B.E.S.T. Club to pursue hawk project

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

B.E.S.T. Club is doing it again! After recently finishing a project on the Swainson's Hawk they aren't wasting a second.

They've decided to pursue the Hawk Project another year. February 23rd they'll begin the project all over again by monitoring the nests of the Swainson's Hawk.

Best is building glider airplanes as a secondary project. The planes are miniature, but fly well. The gliders will be entered in a MESA contest which will take place on March 31.

Biology classes to dissect frogs; physiology class to virtually dissect fetal pigs

By Daniel Wilson
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what the insides of an animal look like? Well, by the end of the second semester, you may find out.

The science department will soon order specimens for dissecting. Biology classes will be doing earthworms, grasshoppers, crayfish, frogs, and perch.

Some biology classes, however, will be cutting the heads off living flatworms to try to make them grow two heads.

Physiology will be dissecting fetal pigs and sheep's eyeballs.

They were originally planning on a pig's brain as well, but there was not enough money to order them.

Mr. Medina's physiology class will also be doing the fetal pigs and sheep's eyeballs virtually on the computer.

Students have varying thoughts about dissecting specimens.

Josh Zonneveld commented, "I don't care, although it would be kind of nasty to see the intestines and stuff like that and it stinks."

Ramon Gutierrez, said "its cruelty to animals."

Sports and Activities

Varsity girls basketball almost breaks record

By Ivy Branaman
Features Editor

February 13 marked the end of varsity girls basketball's almost-record-setting season. Just one month ago Coach Jamie King was hoping they would set a new school record. However, they ended the season just three games shy of the much anticipated record.

They did not makes it to the playoffs as team members had hoped, and their overall record for the season was 8-20. They won games against Argonaut, Golden Sierra, Lindhurst, Wheatland, North Tahoe, Freemont Christian, Sacramento Country Day, and Capital Christian.

Coach King noted, "The games we played best at were some of the games we lost. We played Lincoln and San Juan to the buzzer."

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> *~Leanne Riggs*

Although they played as a team, Coach King commented, "Kelsey West was a phenomenal all-around player. Yvonne Brown was our most consistent offensive player."

"We had fun but we could've done better," said first-season team member Violet Arch.

Sophomore team member Leanne Briggs disagreed. "We did a lot better than last season considering we won more games."

Despite being disappointed in the team's record, the team has grown close and Coach King used the word "family" to describe them. "I want to thank the girls for accepting me with open arms and despite not winning a lot of games on the court, they truly made a difference in the program and in me personally," he said. Needless to say, he plans to coach varsity girls again next season.

JV girls come back to beat Marysville 31-27

By Beverly Enos
Staff Writer

Jayvee girls basketball team ended their league season with a record, 8-9.

The first game of the second half of the season was played at Union Mine. In the first four minutes of the game Katie Koell tore her ligaments by stepping on a Union Mine player's foot and she missed the rest of her season. When she was carried off the court the Raiders lost their intensity on defense causing an agonizing loss against Union Mine.

The next game was with Encina. The Raiders came out dead with no defense at all. Coach Shawn King called a time-out, and the girls snapped back into their game by making a run, and came through with a big win.

Jayvee player Versha Patel said, "When we played against Encina our defense didn't show who we really were and how we really played, but I'm happy we came up on top. That was a big win for us."

At their last home game the j.v players were there physically but not mentally. They came out with high hopes that they were going to crush the Lindhurst Blazers. Things took a turn for the worse, however, and the Blazers blew them away.

This was the worst game they played all year one of the j.v girls commented.

The last two games of the season were both away games. At Marysville, the Raiders came out with a goal in mind: to win with intensity. But the j.v girls came out lacking defense.

Finally, at the end of second quarter, they started to play with some aggression. That's when everything started coming together, and the Lady Raiders started to execute, winning the game 31-27.

Their last game was against Lincoln. They came out with lots of intensity, but again there was lack of defense. None of their shots would go in. Even their lay-ups would roll out.

By the end of the first half the Lady Raiders were down by 8 points. There was no come back, but the team played their hearts out for a heartbreaking loss, 39-59.

Coach Shawn King said, "Being with this team was a unique experience because I had most of my players come back from last year. The j.v girls knew what I wanted from the start. They were on the same page as me both offensively and defensively. All of the j.v girls have a great future ahead of them both on the court and off the court to become highly successful."

Boys basketball ends season against Lincoln

JV boys finish third in league

On February 2 the j.v boys basketball team played Encina at home losing, 63-49. According to Coach Dennis the j.v boys played a bad first half, and they were not able to recover.

On February 7, the boys played against Vanden at an away game, where they were defeated, 54-40.

On February 14, the boys played Marysville at home. "We had a pretty good game, but not a good first half," said Coach Dennis. The j.v. boys were down 9 points in the first half; however, they lost 65-57. In this game the j.v. boys had four players in double-figures; Tim Pittman, Alex Hunter, Brandon Mosher and Tony Molina.

The j.v. boys played their last game of the season at home against Lincoln and ended the season with a victory,70-55.

"It was an outstanding game," said Coach Dennis. "I think it was a really good season considering our tallest player is 5'11". The team was very competitive," he added. For this season the j.v. boys finished third in G.E.L. West. In league, the boys are 8-8 and overall 12-13.

By Esthela Duran

Varsity boys end league 3-13

The varsity boys basketball team ended their season with a loss against the Lincoln Zebras at home. The deciding moments of the game came in the last few minutes when the Zebras pulled away from the Raiders and won by five points.

In all the Raiders went 5-24 and 3-13 in league.

"We were competitive," said Coach West. "We lost most of our games in the final minutes in the fourth quarter."

"I think we have a lot of potential for next year," said Jason De Mars. "We had the talent this year. We just didn't always play as a team to get more wins."

By Olivia De Mars

Frosh boys end 9-6

Freshman boys basketball has ended. The boys have played long and hard this season. Commenting in the season, Sou Saetern said, "It was a pretty good season."

Matt Dwyer said, "I had fun and enjoyed the season."

The freshman boys league standing was 9-6 and their pre-season score was 10-12. But unfortunately they didn't win their last game against Woodland. Asked how he thought the season went, Coach Sidhu responded, "I thought that the season was excellent."

By Manorma Umaria

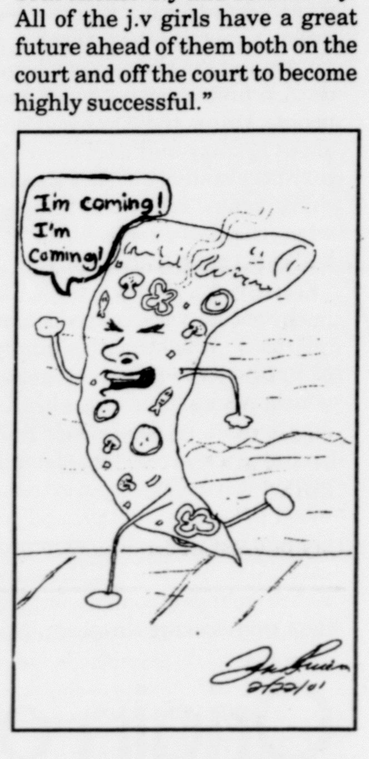
Anabel Lopez named best student director

By Michael Parrish
Staff Writer

River City's drama students recently participated for the first time in Sac State's Lenea Festival, and Anabel Lopez, our exchange student from Belgium, took home the award for best student director. Not counting the confusion, insanity, and the running around we all had to do, this year's festival was stress-free. Three students did monologues, which are speeches that are performed alone on stage. Mick Webb did a monologue from a modern play, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.* Meagan McBride and Lauren Nardozzi both did monologues from Shakespearean plays. All three of the performers did really well.

Four students did duets, which are two people on stage at once doing a scene, no singing involved. Elizabeth Sexton and I did a scene from *Beyond Therapy.* Oscar Ochoa and Anabel Lopez also did a scene from the same play. At 6:15 a.m. the next day, we all returned to practice for our performance of *Stages.* The cast consisted of Adrianne Smith, Meagan McBride, Michael Parrish, Oscar Ochoa, Elizabeth Sexton, Anabel Lopez, Andrew Montana, Mick Webb, Ana Perez, and Lance Simms. Jessica Holsey was in this play but did not perform due to illness.

Sunday was the awards ceremony when it was announced that Anabel Lopez had won the best director award. "We are all very proud of her and ourselves and we think she did a great job," said Lauren Nardozzi. All the participants agreed that the festival was a great learning experience, great fun, and a great success.



Students, don't despair. You will be rewarded for getting your parents to fill out their surveys. Mr. Geivett said that the eleven classes that had the highest percentage of returned parent survey slips will receive their pizza parties during March or early April.

River City looks at officiating; a tough job but someboby has to do it

According to Coach Jamie King, "A good official is one that is confident in every call, that will encourage players and listen to the coaches that talk to them and not yell."

By Jennifer Gabourie
Staff Writer

Players, coaches, and fans all have different perspectives of basketball referees. Some feel that they are against their team and others appreciate what they do and feel that everyone should just let them do their job. Girl players sometimes feel that referees treat the guy players better. Coach Jon West, who has been a coach for eighteen years and has officiated before, said, " I have been a referee before and you cannot see everything.
On top of that, you have the crowd, the players, and the coaches all yelling at you," he added.

Many players and fans think referees are out to get our school. "It's like they do not like our school because of our past attitudes so they never side with us on anything," Leslee Thompson said.

Yvonne Brown commented, "At the beginning of the games they pull the captains of the teams aside to discuss the game and they always say, 'If you have a problem, come to us,' but when we go to them they just nod their heads at us."

"They make bad calls all over the place and it is like they either call everything or nothing," added Heather Fristoe.

When Coach West first started coaching he used to get a lot of technicals and he felt that referees were out to get him. But now he does not even bother talking to them. He feels that he should concentrate on his team and put forth all his energy towards his players. He said, "It annoys me when the referees talk back to me. I am trying to coach and when they make a call I accept it and move on. They need to do their job and let me do mine."

Shawn King was Jon West's assistant coach and he recalled that the referees would never make their comments towards him when he spoke to them. "Instead, they would go to West and ask him to tell his assistant coach to stop talking." Now that he is a coach, he feels that the referees that already know him treat him with respect, but the new referees just see him as a guy in a wheelchair.

Most referees don't even know that Shawn is a coach. " I have to always go to them when they first enter the gym, or else they will go to someone like Jamie and assume he is the coach. It's like referees do not expect me to be the coach," Shawn said.

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> *~Leslie Thompson*

Shawn also commented, " Officiating is a tough job and even though I am hard on them I would never want to do their job."

People are always quick to blame the referees when their team loses the game. Mr. West said, " Usually referees take a lot of abuse because everyone remembers the final minutes of the game and the referee's final calls." He added, " Basketball games are long and everyone makes mistakes throughout the game, so you cannot blame the game on one on one bad call or one bad play."

Shawn feels that people never recognize the good officials, the ones who make good calls and do their job. Instead, people remember the ones who make the bad calls. They are the ones that stick out like a sore thumb.

Leanne Briggs admits that referees have a hard job, and she understands that they will miss a couple of calls, but "they need to be more open to listening to the players and coaches," she said.

"Refereeing is one of the jobs that you will never make everyone happy," stated Jamie King, "and you will never see anyone leaving saying the referee officiated a great game."

Most female players feel that referees do not take their job as seriously for them as they do for the boys. "Most referees treat guys better than they treat girls," said Veronica Maldonado.

Shawn King feels that referees let the girls' games get more physical than guys' games. He said, "Girls' games are less structured, so they let things go."

Shawn pointed out that referees take guys' games more seriously because they get more fans than girls do. Therefore, they take the game more seriously because there are so many eyes on them.

Ms. Costanza, who used to coach at River City and now is a referee in training, said, " Women players get the lowest ranking referees. Boys' basketball is more important and it is totally unfair that women in basketball aren't treated equally."

On the other hand, Mr. West commented, " In the last two years girls have gotten the same referees that officiate at varsity boys games, but they sometimes seem to take guys' games more seriously than girls' games."

"A good official is one that is confident in every call, that will encourage players and listen to the coaches that talk to them and not yell," concluded Jamie King.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Putting Daytona tragedy in perspective

A police officer recently shared the following thoughts with me and I thought you would be interested in what he had to say:

Jason Schwenz, Keith Ruiz, "Rocky" Riojas, Michael Nickerson, James Moulson, Doug Jacobs, Phillip Anderson, Dale Earnhardt. All of these men died doing something they loved. All of them knew the dangers associated with what killed them, but they did it anyway. You recognize the name of only one of these men, and it is a tragedy that he died at a youthful 49. But none of the other seven lived beyond 37, and all have lost their lives since January 1st. Two were not yet 25 when they were taken.

Two others were 30, and one was two years shy of that age. None of the "Unknown Seven" were killed during a sporting event or in a motor vehicle mishap. In fact, accidents didn't claim any of them. They were all killed, intentionally, by gunfire. They were murdered because of the vocation they chose. None were "American legends". They were just plain old police officers.

Other cops will become victims of violence in the months to come and by year's end, if 2001 if a "good" year, the tally of officers murdered will be "only" 75 or so and the number of those who die on duty in job-related incidents will be around 150. But there won't be any rush to propose life-saving rule or equipment changes. Cops will just keep doing what they've always done. And many will be forced to work a part-time job or two just to make ends meet. You see, law enforcement doesn't pay quite as well as driving a race car.

Tragedies happen all too often. Bad things happen to good people and the stories of their personal accomplishments and sacrifices don't make the headlines. The public servants who put their lives on the line to protect you would like to hear you say that you appreciate it. That's all. I don't think that's too much to ask.

GARY LEONARD
Chief of Police
City of West Sacramento

Thank you, volunteer dentists

CommuniCare Health Centers Dental Program is fortunate to have wonderful volunteer dentists who donate their services to residents of Yolo County. The program began 11 years ago with a staff of volunteer dentists whose mission was to provide low cost dental care for Yolo County residents. Throughout the years the need has risen and CommuniCare Health Centers now provides dental services in Davis, Esparto, West Sacramento and Woodland. The program employees a staff of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. Even with our dedicated dental team, we would not be able to reach all the patients in need without our devoted volunteer dentists. Our volunteers donate their services in our clinics, our Smile Saver Program at local schools, and at health fairs.

In honor of February being National Children's Dental Health Month, we would like to applaud the following volunteer dentists for their invaluable service:

Mark Anderson, Cynthia Belgum, Steven Cavagnolo, Peter Cowley, Clark Gregor, Robert A. Hune, Dick Huang, Katherine Jackman, Richard Kennedy, Manuel Lara, Steve Lynch, William Marble, James Meinert, Michelle Miller, Ronald Pisciotta, Ron Reisner, Thu Tran, Greg Wilcox, and James Zimmerman.

As Yolo County continues to grow so will the need for low cost dental treatment and additional volunteer dentists. If you would like to donate your services or for more information on the program, contact Barbara Black, Dental Manager, at 530-758-1510.

LAURA MIRAMONTES
CommuniCare Health Centers
Yolo County

Watch where you plant those trees

Has spring nearly sprung? Almost time to review the status of our trees and other plants. While some older trees are historic and healthy, some unhealthy oldies may warrant removal, as some of their branches may not weather the next storm.

Most of us previously thought planting a tree was as simple as buying it and planting it. That's what I previously thought and it cost me about $400 to have a decade-old tree taken out because it was planted too close to my water line.

But if we do everything in the book, we should first check with our Parks and Community Service Department (373-5860) to get a permit to either plant or remove a tree. There's no fee, the last I heard. (Caution to those who have recently planted trees: How close are they to water, sewer, or gas lines? Since those underground utility lines are not relocated for us, trees planted too close to utility lines should be transplanted, if they are still young enough, or removed and replaced to a point far enough from the utility lines where they're unlikely to cause problems after maturity. That includes periodic pruning to reduce chances of storm damage.)

If you are planting shade trees: The most effective locations are usually those that will provide the best shade during hottest time of the summer days.

As for our skyrocketing utility billings and those who champion deregulation and "true competition": The only way we can have the latter is to not only have ample supplies, but the competition must be true and from two or more sources from start to the consumer, no price fixing in between. Is that realistic? Convince us.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Thanks from Yolo Family Service Agency

On behalf of Yolo Family Service Agency's Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Davis Brass Ensemble and Valley Artist Productions, Inc., for their recent concert to benefit Yolo Family Service Agency. I would especially like to thank Don Kessler for all his hard work in designing the program, getting the tickets printed and lining up ticket outlets. We are also grateful to Strelitzia Flower Company, Carousel Stationery, Graphic Gold, Nugget Markets and the Davis Rotary Club for their generous support. Thanks to everyone who attended the concerts and experienced an outstanding performance from some very talented musicians.

JOHN GEISLER, Board of Directors President
Yolo Family Service Agency

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File No. 2001-66

The following person is doing business as Horizon Medical Services, 509 K Street, Davis CA 95616:

Sherrie L. Severa, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan 1, 2001.

/s/Sherrie Severa

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Jan 22, 2001
/s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 11, 2001
File No. 2001-045

The following person is doing business as Priority Work, 3600 Data Dr. #106, Rancho Cordova, CA 95620:

Kevin Scroggins, same address.

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/s/Kevin Scroggin

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Jan 11, 2001
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 9, 2001
File No. 2001-107

The following person is doing business as Appchex at 1296 E. Gibson Rd. #125, Woodland CA 95776:

Clyde K. Berthold, 450 Harding Rd., Yuba City, CA 95993.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2-9-01.

/s/Clyde K. Berthold

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Feb 9, 2001
by: /s/B. Patenaude, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 9, 2001
File No. 2001-108

The following person is doing business as Tri County Mobile Veterinary Services, 1368 Nyack Place, Woodland CA 95776:

Daniel Perez Mora, D.V.M., same address

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2-9-01.

/s/Daniel Perez Mora, D.V.M.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Feb. 9, 2001
/s/B. Patenaude, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 7, 2001
File No. 2001-093

The following person is doing business as The Day Spa; Day Spa and Massage Therapy Center, 424 F St. #B, Davis CA 95616:

Julie Stentzel, 735 Valencia Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1/01.

/s/Julie Stentzel, Owner

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 13, 2001
File No. 2001-113

The following person is doing business as R. Property, 1285 Antelope Ave., Davis CA 95616:

Rick C. Plasteror, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/13/01.

/s/Rick C. Plasteror

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, Feb 13, 2001
by: /s/Debbie M. Holck, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 1, 2000
File No. 2000-919

The following person is doing business as Soap City, 1260 Lake Blvd., Suite 118, Davis CA 95616:

William F. Pacuilla III and Larissa D. Pacuilla, 2921 Audubon Cir., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec 1, 2000.

/s/William F. Pacuilla

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec 1, 2000
by: /s/Kimberly Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF VEHICLE LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to CA Civil Code Sec. 3071 and 3072 that National Self Storage, 2600 Evergreen Ave., will for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, sell at public auction at 9:00 a.m. the 13th day of March 2001 the following vehicle to wit:

VIN IN47L85234761, CA3KYT362, 1978 Chev, 2DCP. VIN-52455256, CA 49191K, SPC0N Box Trailer.

Bob Kolak Auct. Serv. Lic. A-468
Bond #68368965
Feb 28

PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



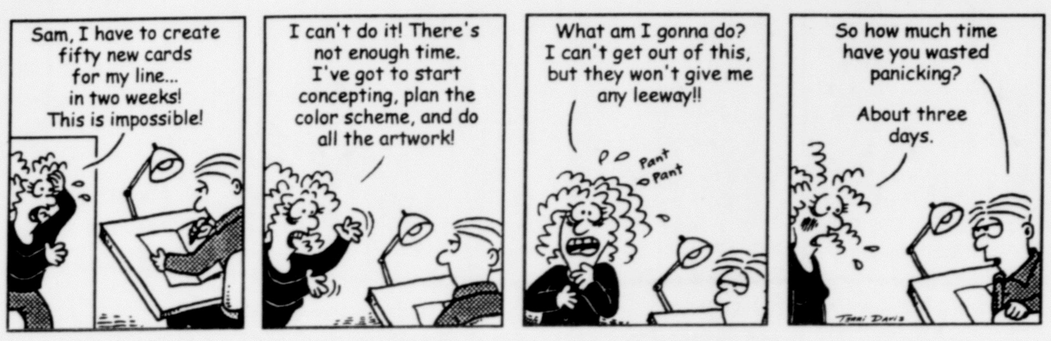
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by Gary Kopervas



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by Terri Davis



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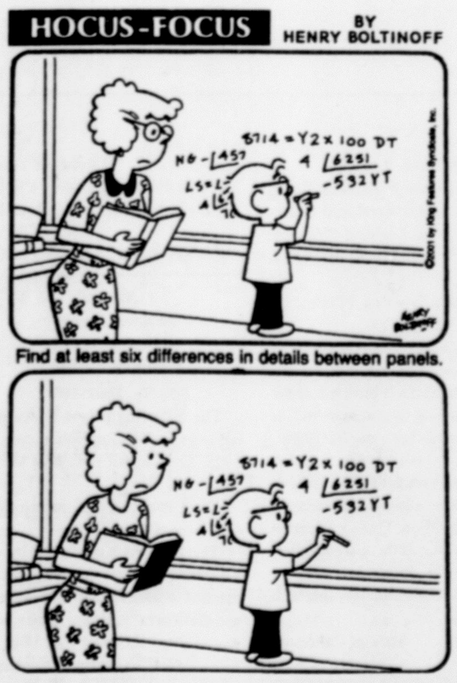
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

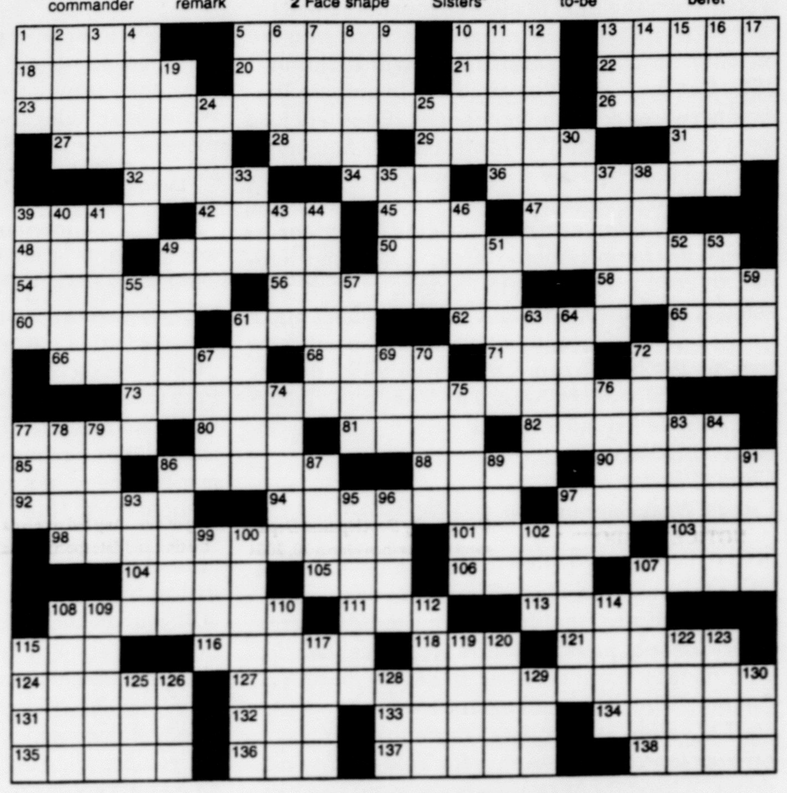


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Thieves
5 Dress down
10 Accomplished
13 English explorer
18 French spa
20 Home on high
21 A mean Amin
22 "Pygmalion" role
23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
26 On the up and up
27 Director Sergio
28 Grazing ground
29 Overact
31 Have a mortgage
32 Become engaged?
34 EMT's skill
36 "La Boheme" girl
39 Depravity
42 Heavy metal instrument?
45 Mellow
47 Rajasthani rhythm
48 Coach Parseghian
49 Kayak commander
50 Part 2 of remark
54 Verbal explosion
56 Pittsburgh player
58 Skirt feature
60 Tangle
61 "May I interrupt?"
62 Vision
65 Cookbook phrase
66 Impressive lobby
68 Catches cod
71 Runner Sebastian
72 Karras or Haley
73 Part 3 of remark
77 Suggestive
80 — Na Na
81 Beloved
82 Type of aircraft
85 Maestro de Waart
86 Fusillade
88 Khartoum's river
90 Hopeless case
92 Jeeves or Passe-partout
94 Focused
97 Watchful city?
98 Part 4 of remark
101 Perfect
103 One of the Marches
104 Anesthetize
105 Fitting
106 Manuscript enc.
107 Goofy Gomer
108 Field event
111 "— the fields we go . . ."
113 Ballet movement
115 Overwhelm
116 Recruit personnel
118 Good times
121 Sari site
124 Rent
127 End of remark
131 Party present
132 Myriads of moons
133 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
134 "— Gay"
135 Fight site
136 Room for relaxing
137 Marine leader?
138 Hardware item

DOWN
1 Sports official
2 Face shape
3 Ill temper
4 She knew how to get a head
5 Droop
6 Do overhead plastering
7 Sarah — Jewett
8 Pale purple
9 "— volente"
10 "Carpe —"
11 Turn of phrase
12 Bother
13 "Fantasia" frame
14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
15 Chauvinist
16 Conductor Seiji
17 Yarn
19 Muse count
24 Snuggle up
25 "The Aeneid" author
30 Jacob's twin
33 Tint
35 "— Rider" ('85 film)
37 Neighbor of Libya
38 Kite part
39 Places to dye
40 One of "The Three Sisters"
41 Jeweler's weight
43 41st or 43rd President
44 Be there
46 Gets by, with "out"
49 Impromptu
51 Author Jong
52 Patricia of "Hud"
53 Wild wind
55 Deck out
57 Edit a text
59 Duty
61 Menotti title character
63 Have thirds and fourths?
64 Cure
67 — Minor
69 Peg for Palmer
70 Footballer Lynn
72 Option
74 Maritime abbr.
75 Turning point
76 Actor Bruce
77 Part of IRS
78 Eliot's "— Bede"
79 Fountain order
83 Foe
84 Party hearty
86 Walk like a rooster
87 Recruit-to-be
89 Helen of Troy's mom
91 Wrath
93 Cubist Rubik?
95 Warning
96 Tivoli's Villa d'—
97 Ancient tongue
99 Little devils
100 Bordered on
102 Kreskin's letters
107 Know-it-all
108 Vow
109 Throw forcefully
110 Resort lake
112 Bucolic
114 Memo start
115 — Romeo
117 Actress Sherilyn
119 "Yo!" at the library
120 Move a bit
122 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
123 Bill of Rights grp.
125 Every guy is one
126 Cy Young stat
128 Debtor's letters
129 Govt. agency
130 Beaver or beret



For answers, please see the box on the back page.

MAGIC MAZE

HAVE DEGREES

R T R P E M K I C E L S I U S
F D B Y W T F E L C R I C N U
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Z X W U O S H U S U R I R Q R
O N L J M H R R D O T O F K I
D C A Y P W E V L A T I A T A
S Q P N A T N E U C R R T L N
B U R N S K H Q O I A G H A G
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B Z M Y A W I R E H C A E T E
V U S B R E T E M O M R E H T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bachelor's
Burns
Celsius
Compass
Doctor
Equations
Fahrenheit
Graduate
Karate
Latitude
Longitude
Master's
Teacher
Thermometer
Triangle

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check each of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

By L.D. Tiny Manker

DIRECTIONS:
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
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- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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Today's Challenge
Time 12 Minutes 0 Seconds
Your Working Time Minutes Seconds

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR WEST SACRAMENTO TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

The Yolo County Transportation District will be conducting a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, on proposed changes to West Sacramento Yolobus routes. The hearing will take place in the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers, 300 First Street, Woodland, California.

One public hearing and three public workshops have already been conducted in West Sacramento to review proposed service changes. Being recommended is "Option A," which was submitted to the public previously, with some minor adjustments.

Under this option, the Southport/downtown Sacramento commute hour route is unchanged. Midday route 39 service will be replaced with a new north/south route that would operate between Southport and Riverpoint/ Stillwater, including service to the current City Hall site and the Del Monte area. The Halyard/Beacon stop would be removed from routes 40 and 41 (riders could transfer to and from the revised Southport route), but will be served by the new route 39 service. The proposed changes will eliminate the need for persons to cross Jefferson Boulevard at Triangle Court. Also proposed is serving the Cal EPA building at I/11th on routes 40 and 41, subject to obtaining the necessary approvals from jurisdictions in Sacramento. It is proposed that Stone Boulevard be served by extending route 41 and deviating the new Southport/Riverpoint/ Stillwater route to serve Stone Boulevard. The new route would operate from about 6:05 a.m. to 7:03 p.m.

The first route 40 morning trip (around 6:17 a.m.) will not turn into Triangle Court. It is also proposed that route 41 undertake a minor deviation to include a stop near Westwind Estates mobile home park on Sacramento Avenue.

Copies of the proposed changes are available at the West Sacramento City Hall, Turner Library, and from the Yolo County Transportation District. Please call 530 661-0816 to request a copy.

Those wishing to provide input may either attend the hearing, or submit testimony in one of the following ways: 1) mailing a letter to YCTD, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776, 2) Emailing to: kherger@yctd.org, 3) FAXing to (530) 661-1732, or 4) calling 371-2877.

Feb 28

NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Wastewater Outfall Pipeline Repairs Project in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed rehabilitation of the existing outfall pipeline that discharges treated wastewater through an 11 mile long outfall, which begins at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on South River Road and ends at the Sacramento River upstream from the community of Clarksburg. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/373-5854).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the April 4, 2001, City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, in the City Council Chambers located at 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Feb 28

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Miller Estates Tentative Subdivision (TPM 4489) proposed along the east side of Gregory Avenue approximately 180 feet south of Davis Road (APN 046-160-45) in West Sacramento, CA. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed subdivision of an existing +/-13.8 acre parcel into five +/ -2.5 acre residential building lots. The parcel is zoned Rural Estates (RE). An old canal easement would be vacated as part of the project.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1951 South River Rd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-373-5854).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than March 20, 2001. Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the April 5, 2001, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on April 5, 2001 in the City Council chambers located at 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Feb 28

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the City of West Sacramento Civic Center project, to be located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Civic Center. The full project is the construction and use of an approximately 64,000 square foot three story Civic Center building with offices, Council Chambers, meeting rooms and community area (see attached site plan). The western portion of the building will have a 2,000 square foot lobby, 47,000 square feet of offices, shared facilities, and mechanical areas. The eastern portion of the building will be two stories with 17,000 square feet with community meeting rooms and associated spaces on the first floor and the Council Chambers and associated spaces on the second floor. A two story Galleria will face West Capitol Avenue with the meeting rooms and Council Chambers behind. The building will initially house approximately 117 employees with an eventual employee count of 161. Approximately 200 parking spaces for visitors, employees, and City vehicles will be provided on-site.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than March 20, 2001.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 21, 2001 in the City Council chambers located at 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Feb 28

NOTICE OF HEARING MARCH 15, 2001

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at West Sacramento City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions

Item #1

Nextel Communications ZA 00-35

Nextel Communications has requested a conditional use permit to construct a 70-foot tall monopole with 12 antennas and a prefabricated equipment shelter at 3889 Seaport Boulevard. There will be two GPS antennas mounted on the roof of the shelter. (MK)

Martin Zoning Administrator Variance ZA 01-05

The applicant is requesting an administrative variance to allow an exception to the one acre lot size in the Rural Residential Zone, to allow a 1.74 acre parcel at 2900 Marshall Road to be divided into two parcels by separate action. (RVB)

River City Parking LLC ZA 01-07

Annual interim parking lot permits for six parking lots in the vicinity of Raley Field for baseball uses for the Sacramento Rivercats 2001 season. (SR)

Regular Agenda

Item #2

McDonald's CUP 00-11

The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing 3,110 square foot fast food restaurant and build a new restaurant in its place at the same site. The proposed new restaurant is 3,813 square feet and able to accommodate 92 patrons. There will be a new double drive-thru where a single drive-thru lane now exists. The property is located at 1700 West Capitol Avenue (APN #'s 08-473-17 • 08-473-26) and is zoned CBD (Central Business District). A Negative Declaration has been circulated on the project. OWNER: McDonald's Corporation, c/o Steve Mueller, 3009 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 300, Roseville, CA 95661. APPLICANT: Terry Grayson, GPMS, 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670. (MK)

Item #3

Workshop on Air Quality Issues

A workshop on land use and transportation strategies that can help the City meet its part in achieving compliance with 2005 EPA air quality standards. (Art Smith, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Maintenance District)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

Feb 28

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California until **2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, March 27, 2001** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

Wastewater Outfall Pipeline Repairs Project

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work consists of the repairs and improvements to the existing pretensioned concrete cylinder wastewater outfall pipeline. These repairs and improvements include the installation of sacrificial anode beds and cathodic test stations, replacement of air release/vacuum breaker valves, abandonment of blow-off valves, coating valves and piping, installation of joint restraints, and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein.

The existing wastewater outfall will remain in service while this work is performed. The work must be performed in a manner that does not interfere with the normal operation of the outfall.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within one hundred and thirty (130) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $35.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering or a Class "C-34" Pipeline** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

Date: February 22, 2001
By: Helen Kanowsky for Stephen M. Patek, Director of Community Development

Feb 28 March 7

CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER: **STPL-5447 (014)**
STATE NUMBER: **03-YOL-0-WSAC**
CITY WORK ORDER NUMBER: **1716**

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled:

SACRAMENTO AVENUE, EVERGREEN AVENUE AND ENTERPRISE BOULEVARD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

will be received at the Department of Community Development, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California 95691, until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Conference Room at said address.

General Work Description: The work generally consists of the rehabilitation of the paved roadway by cold planing the existing asphalt surface, installing pavement reinforcing fabric, and placing an asphalt concrete overlay. The work shall also include new thermoplastic striping, thermoplastic pavement markings, pavement markers, traffic loops and curb ramps; removal of existing traffic striping, pavement markings and pavement markers; adjustment of manholes and valve boxes to finished grade and other related improvements.

In addition, the work shall include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as all necessary traffic control.

This Contract has a completion time of **Forty (40) Working Days.**

This project has a goal of **10 percent** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

At the time this Contract is awarded, the Contractor shall possess a **Class A General Engineering Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

This Contract is subject to State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Plans and specifications, and proposal forms for bidding this project can only be obtained at the office of the Director of Community Development of the CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, located at 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California 95691 (telephone 916-373-5854). A non-refundable payment of $30.00 for each set is required if picked up, and $40.00 if mailed.

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on the Proposal Form provided in these Special Provisions.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento. Such guarantee will be forfeited should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance. Such securities, if deposited by the Contractor, shall be valued by the owner, whose decision on valuation of the securities shall be final. Securities eligible for investment under this provision shall be limited to those listed in Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code and section 16430 of the Government Code.

The **Department of Community Development** hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to the advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the City in which the work is done has been determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. For bidding purposes these wage rate publications may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, Special Provisions, and proposal forms may be obtained. Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication.

Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the Special Provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the prevailing wage rates determined by the Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Community Development Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) calendar days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to determine which proposal is, in its judgment, the lowest responsive bid of a responsible bidder and which proposal should be accepted in the best interests of the City.

Dated: February 22, 2001
City of West Sacramento
Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on March 14, 2001 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held at city hall, 1350 Halyard Dr., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 373-5800. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City Hall is handicapped accessible.

1. On Resolution 01-11 regarding a General Plan Amendment from Light Industrial to Business Park and on Ordinance 01-3 regarding a rezone and amendment of the Riverside Centre Development Agreement rezoning 23.8 acres from Light Industrial to Business Park for APN 14-660-11.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on March 7, 2001, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 01-6 adding Section 3.32.040 to the Municipal Code relating to facility maintenance and the establishment of a community facilities district.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FILE NO. - 0071000121 SERVICER - OCWEN FEDERAL #2820843 BORROWER - ALVES YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/13/89. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 7, 2001 at 1:00 PM, Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions, FKA CONSOLIDATED RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as duly appointed Trustee deed of trust dated July 13, 1989 executed by JOHN ALVES AND LAURA M. ALVES as trustor, recorded recorded July 19, 1989 as Instrument No. 15644 in Book 2040 Page 446 of the official records of the recorder's office of YOLO County, California. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash, or cashier's check (drawn and payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code). At the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State. LOT 285, WESTWOODS UNIT NO. 3B, FILES DECEMBER 10, 1979 IN BOOK 11 OF MAPS, PAGE 82, 83, AND 84, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS, AS CORRECTED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTIONS RECORDED APRIL 5, 1984 IN BOOK 1637 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 561 AND APRIL 9, 1985 IN BOOK 1696 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AND MORE COMPLETELY DESRCIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. 2886 LESLIE LANE WEST SACRAMENTO, Ca 95691 APN 045-462-291 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said deed of trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the deed of trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said deed of trust, to-wit $111,911.42. DATED: February 14, 2001 FIDELITY NATIONAL FORECLOSURE SOLUTIONS, FKA CONSOLIDATED RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as trustee 3636 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 528-4688 (916) 387-7728(714) 573-1965 - SALES INFORMATION BY: SHANNON MOTTOLA. Authorized Signature ASAP418595 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

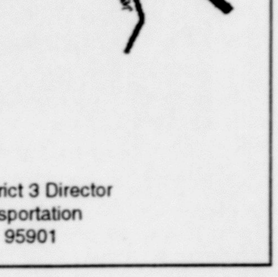
Notice of Trustee's Sale: Trustee Sale Number: 47338-F You are in default under a deed of trust dated 02/21/95. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On **03/06/01** at **11:00 AM**, Attorneys Equity National Corporation (Trustee) 23721 Birtcher Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630 (949)707-5640 as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust recorded 03/02/95 as Document 95O004382 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Executed by: Robert P Hannan, a married man as his sole and separate property, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check made payable to Attorneys Equity National Corporation, (payable at the time of sale and in accordance with Section 2924h(b) of the California Civil Code, and acceptable to the Trustee) at: **The Main Steps to the County Courthouse 725 Court Street Woodland, California** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California. The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described herein is purported to be: 3049 Susan Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691; County Assessor's Parcel Number: **045-524-011** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid balance of the obligation, including interest, advances, and all other charges secured by said property. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by said property and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice is **$142,504.70** Date: 02/06/01 **Attorneys Equity National Corporation** *Danie Trevino Foreclosure Department* ASAP418719 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, in accordance with provisions of Section 21700 et seq of the Business & Profession Code of the State of California, of public sale of the contents of the storage spaces named below, which consists of misc. personal property, household, garage, office furn., yard, household items, vehicles, trailers, to satisfy a landlord lien. Complete terms and inspection prior to sale which will be held on the 13th day of March in the County of Yolo, State of California at 2600 Evergreen Ave., West Sacramento California 95691. At 9:00 a.m.

H1-2 Sven Erik Ek; C22 Timothy Ringor; B28 Donald Stewart; RV11 Barnett Christian; A77 Brenda Laughlin; H24 Barry Halperin; RV5 G.L. Bluford; B38 Regenia Lane; B39 John Faith II; B71-72 Patricia Pinzon Moreno; C80 Annette Palmer/Dennis; D42 Danielle Mason; E8 Carlene (Jacobson) Hamilton; 165 Willie Shrubs; J22 Ingeborg Dawkins.
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It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona.

The cello's real name is the violincello. The full name of the piano is the pianoforte.

POLICE LOG

Feb. 24, 11 p.m.

The Yolo Co. Sheriff's Dept. requested West Sacramento police assistance in dealing with a "rave party," in which a reported 2,000 people were attending and "fights were breaking out" along County Road 102 near Gibson Rd. in Woodland. Party-goers were being transported to the site by about six buses from a local shopping center. Four West Sacramento P.D. personnel responded, but the need was canceled when they arrived.

Feb. 25, 12:57 a.m.

A 41-year old Glide Ave. man asked police to remove a female "date" from his trailer. When police arrived, the woman told police that the man had drugs in his trailer. He consented to a search of the trailer, but refused permission for a "pat search" of his person, putting his hands in his jacket pocket and telling police that he had a gun. The man was "controlled" and a .380 caliber gun removed from his jacket. Amphetamines were found in the trailer. The man was booked.

Feb. 25, 2:05 p.m.

Supermarket security personnel saw a 51-year old Sacramento man conceal to alcoholic beverage items in his coat and leave the store. He told them, and later a police officer, that he was taking it for an alcoholic girlfriend. He was booked.

Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m.

An officer stopped a car for a vehicle code infraction near E and 5th streets. The driver had a suspended license and was on parole. A folding knife was in his possession, and he was arrested for this parole violation.

Feb. 26, 1:16 a.m.

An officer stopped a 31-year old driver for a traffic violation on West Capitol Ave. The driver was on searchable probation, and a search turned up a baggie with about 0.3 grams of methamphetamines. He was booked.

Feb. 26, 5:25 p.m.

Police responded regarding an argument between two men near Cummins Way and Newton. One 40-year old suspect walked away from an officer, and was seen by witnesses to throw a knife and a bag of suspected drugs into the backyard of a home. He was arrested. The other subject, a 23-year old man, consented to a search, and a hypodermic needle was found in his jacket pocket. He, too, was arrested.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED PROJECT ON U.S. HIGHWAY 50 AT HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE IN WEST SACRAMENTO, YOLO COUNTY

THE PROJECT

Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) and the City of West Sacramento are proposing to widen the Harbor Boulevard overcrossing at U.S. Highway 50, realign the on and off-ramps, add auxiliary lanes and perform other work designed to improve the operation of the interchange.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Draft Environmental Document Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the U.S. Highway 50/Harbor Boulevard Interchange improvements and ramp modifications project is available for public review and comment. The Draft IS/EA is available through the internet at www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/projects. Copies of the document are also available at Caltrans, District 3, Sacramento Area Office, 2800 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write: Laura Featherstone, Public Information Officer, Caltrans - District 3, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901, (530) 741-4571 (voice phone) or (530) 741-4509 (TTY).

WORKSHOP

The public is invited to a "drop-in" style workshop that will allow residents, local public officials, Caltrans staff and other interested people to exchange information and discuss issues related to this project. No formal presentation will be given.

WHEN

Monday, March 12, 2001
4 - 7 p.m.

WHERE

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information about the project, please contact James Davis, Project Manager, Caltrans, District 3, 2800 Gateway Oaks, Room 100, Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 825-8167, james_davis@dot.ca.gov

Caltrans would like to thank the Port of Sacramento for the use of their facility.

Jody E. Lonergan, Acting District 3 Director
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Local Scene

St. Pat's Breakfast

Holy Cross Church of West Sacramento has scheduled its ninth annual "St. Patrick's Day Breakfast" for Sunday, March 11, from 10-11:30 a.m. Cost for adults is $3.50; children 12 and under are $3.00. Address of the church is 1321 Anna St. Sponsored by the Holy Cross Altar Society.

Alzheimer's progress

A talk by William J. Jagust, M.D., will focus on "Alzheimer's Disease in the New Millenium," including reasons for hope in treatment. The meeting will be held March 6 at the UC Davis Cancer Center Auditorium, 4501 X St. in Sacramento at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the UC Davis Center for Healthy Aging. Call (916) 734-4769 for information.

VFW events

A crab feed is scheduled at the West Sacramento VFW Post #8762 for Sat., March 3, at $28 per person, and a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner is scheduled for Sat., March 17, with more details to follow. Call 371-7245 for more information.

Volunteers sought

The Elderly Nutrition Program in Yolo County is looking for volunteers to support the "Meals on Wheels" program. Twenty-five senior citizens are currently on a waiting list to be served meals at home, and many of them are homebound and have difficulty preparing themselves nutritious meals. Local companies and individuals are asked to "adopt a route" or to help set up, serve and clean up at lunchtime at the West Sacramento Senior Center. Call Ann Tyson, 373-5819. .

Women of Courage

The Yolo Co. Women's History Month Committee seeks nominations for women who have shown courage and vision in their contributions and achievements in the community. Selected women will be honored at a luncheon March 29 in Woodland. Send nominations, including a paragraph outlining the nominee's achievements, to the Women's History Month Project, PO Box 711, Woodland CA 95776. Please provide references for the nominee. For more information, call B.J. Ford, (530) 662-0952.

Living trusts/estates

Trust attorney Kimber B. Goddard will speak on living trusts, probate and estate planning at a program Sat., March 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the A.F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento. No charge. The program is the third in a series of financial planning seminars sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library. For more information, call 371-4877.

Interfaith meeting

The second monthly meeting of the West Sacramento Interfaith Group will be held Fri., March 2 at noon at the Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever St. People from all religious traditions are invited. The goal is to increase understanding among different faiths and work together to benefit the community. Call 371-8804 for more information.

Lenten worship

Residents are invited to begin the Lenten religious season at Community Lutheran Church on Wed., Feb. 28, with a potluck at 6:15 p.m. and worship service at 7 p.m. The public is also invited to attend brief Lenten services mid-day at the church on selected Tuesdays. Half-hour services will be held at 1 p.m. on March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, and will feature meditation, singing, scriptures, prayer and discussion. Call 371-8804 for information. The church is located at 920 Drever St., West Sacramento.

Moose Lodge

The West Sacramento Moose Lodge has scheduled a "Cajun Nite" with dancing beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2, with a $10 cover charge and food available for purchase from 6-8:30 p.m. Zydeco and Cajun dance lessons are offered on Thursdays March 8 & 29 with instructor Joan Karr. Call 371-6303 or 371-9684.

Be a page

Congressman Doug Ose is seeking applicants from the Third Congressional District to serve in the Congressional Page program. Students are encouraged to apply; they should be at least 18 years old and with a grade point average of a "B" or better in five major subjects. For more information, call Lisa Sawyer in Ose's office at (202) 225-5716.

Senior bus trip

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento is sponsoring a bus trip to the El Dorado Casino in Reno on Sun., April 29. Cost is $22 with a $10 casino cash rebate and $5 for food. Bus leaves the VFW/River Cities Funeral Chapel parking lot on Drever St. at 8 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m.; please park along the south fence. To reserve your seat, send a check for $22 per person made out to "Golden Years Club," to Bea Clark, 1191 Delaware St., West Sacramento, CA 95691 before April 13. Call her at 371-8799 for information.

Victorian Tea

The West Sacramento Historical Society and the John Thompson family will host a "Victorian Tea" on Sun., March 11, from 3-7 p.m. Local officials will be invited. For information, call Lana Paulhamus, 371-5117.

Alliance for mentally ill

"NAMI," the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Yolo County, invites mental health consumers, family members, friends and concerned citizens to its next potluck. The event is scheduled for Wed., March 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Woodland Bible Church, 433 California St. in Woodland (behind parking lot of KFC). Judge Arvid Johnson will speak on legal issues and the mentally ill. Last names beginning with A-H, please bring a salad; beginning with I-P, a dessert; and Q-7 a main dish. For more information and directions please call (530) 662-3548.

Spaghetti dinner

Elkhorn Village School has scheduled a spaghetti dinner to help raise money for sixth-graders to attend science camp. The dinner will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, March 2 at the school cafeteria on 750 Cummins Way. Cost is $5 for anyone 12 or older; $3 for kids 6-11, and any voluntary donation for kids five and under. Please buy a ticket from any sixth grade teacher or stop by the school office, or call 375-7670.

IT'S WISE to send in your 'Local Scene' item several weeks before it is scheduled. See page 2 for information.

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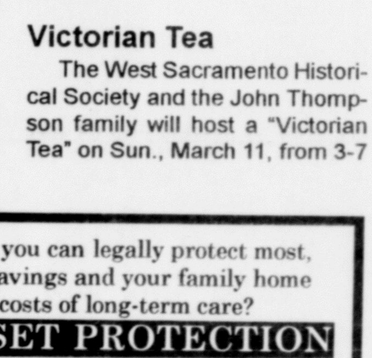
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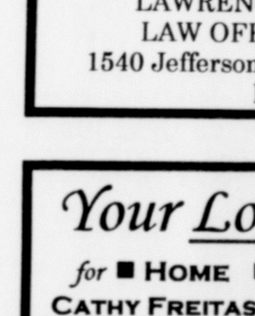
Answers to Sports Quiz & Puzzles

Answers:

1. Roger Clemens (five Cy Young Awards), Steve Carlton (four), Greg Maddux (four), Sandy Koufax (three), Tom Seaver (three), Jim Palmer (three), Randy Johnson (three) and Pedro Martinez (three).
2. Clemente won the batting-average crown four times — 1961, '64, '65 and '67.
3. Chicago's Walter Payton rushed for 275 yards versus Minnesota in 1977.
4. Illinois' Cory Bradford broke the record of 73 games earlier this season.
5. Montreal goalie Jacques Plante started the trend in 1959.
6. Bob Seagren won gold for the United States in 1968.
7. Mark O'Meara was Woods' partner in 1999, while David Duval was his teammate in 2000.

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Differences: 1. Book is different. 2. Glasses are removed. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Collar is missing. 5. Chalk is longer. 6. Hair is longer.

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or to attend, call 775-322-6558.

Buster Keaton movie

On Friday, March 23, "Steamboat Bill, Jr.", starring Buster Keaton will be shown at the Towe Auto Museum at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento. Much of the 1928 silent movie comedy was filmed on the Sacramento River and Christian Elliott will provide a live organ accompaniment. Donations are $8 per person ($20/family).

Gem & Jewelry show

The Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society will hold a gem and jewelry show on April 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Calaveras County Fair Grounds in Angels Camp. Free.

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